GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DATA COMMUNICATION FACILITY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had sanctioned the installation of Data Communication Facility with EPABX in January 1992 at Central Water Power Research Station (CWPRS), Pune to improve the data communication through existing computer network;

(b) if so, whether only 22 percent of the ultimate potential of 1200 extensions were utilized rendering a major part of expenditure unfruitful; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes Sir. Ministry of Water Resources had sanctioned the installation of Data Communication facility with EPABX in January 1992 at Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), Pune. The scheme was meant for replacing the then existing telephone network by a suitable state of the art network and providing telecommunication network for speech and data to meet requirement of voice communication among various officers and data communication between the main computer center and various laboratories.

(b) & (c) No, Sir. In fact CWPRS has procured and paid for the hardware for 352 lines only out of the total capacity of 1200 lines. The number of extensions installed and functional at present are 310 lines i.e. 88% of the available installed capacity. The remote access facility for data communication through EPABX has been tested and found useful.